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SUBJECT: GDR THREATS AGAINST PLANNED CDU MEETING IN  
BERLIN

REF: BONN 9481; USBERLIN 1493; USBERLIN 1366; BONN 8611

1. DEPT CONCURS WITH BONN GROUP ASSESSMENT THAT SOME GDR  
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INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSIT TRAFFIC IS LIKELY IN ORDER TO  
UNDERLINE GDR DISPLEASURE AT PLANNED JUNE 16 CDU RALLY IN  
BERLIN. WE AGREE THAT PROMPT ALLIED PROTEST TO SOVIETS  
IF INTERFERENCE TAKES PLACE IS IMPORTANT, AND ENDORSE  
PRIOR BONN GROUP PLANNING TO EXPEDITE ALLIED PROTEST.

2. WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT PREEMPTIVE ALLIED DEMARCHE

TO SOVIETS IS GOOD IDEA. AS EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT, SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD PRESUPPOSE CONCRETE ALLIED ACTION IF THE WARNING IS IGNORED IN ORDER TO RETAIN ALLIED CREDIBILITY. IT APPEARS TO US THAT REACHING AN ALLIED COMMITMENT TO COUNTERMEASURES IN ADVANCE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SINCE THEIR USE WOULD DEPEND ON A COMMON VIEW AFTER THE FACT OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE STEPS THE GDR HAD TAKEN. FURTHERMORE, DIFFERENCES IN THIS ASSESSMENT COULD RESULT IN INACTION WITH A RESULTING LOSS OF CREDIBILITY OR, LESS LIKELY, IN THE CARRYING OUT OF INAPPROPRIATE COUNTERMEASURES SOLELY TO RETAIN CREDIBILITY AND MAINTAIN ALLIED UNITY.

3. WHILE WE WOULD NOT FAVOR A PREEMPTIVE ALLIED APPROACH, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION SHOULD THE FRG WISH TO RESPOND TO GDR WARNINGS BONN HAS RECEIVED BY POINTING OUT THAT INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSIT TRAFFIC COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT PLANNED INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS. THE ALLIES SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO REJECT ON THE SPOT ANY ADVANCE SOVIET PROTEST AGAINST THE JUNE 16 RALLY.

4. WE CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR BONN GROUP TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY COUNTERMEASURES, ALSO IN THE AREA OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. US REP SHOULD INQUIRE WHAT STEPS BONN GROUP GOVERNMENTS MIGHT CONTEMPLATE IN RESPONSE TO INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSIT TRAFFIC, AND STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATED ACTION. IF THE GDR WERE TO TAKE ANY STEPS PRIOR TO JUNE 14 AND 15, THE USG, CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD CONSIDER CANCELLING APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED ON THOSE DATES BETWEEN USG OFFICIALS AND GDR STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE GERHARD BEIL, WHO WILL BE IN THE US JUNE 12-17 ON A PRIVATE VISIT. VANCE

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